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 - b. A complete listing of all of the claims is not present.
 - c. The listing of claims does not include the text of all pending claims (including withdrawn claims).
 - d. Signature and remarks on a separate sheet.

Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Javid A. Amini whose telephone number is 571-272-7654. The examiner can normally be reached on 8-4pm.

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